

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Tuesday – October 16, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. (MDT)

**Division of Building Safety
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d’Alene
2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello**

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2018 MEETING

NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but to record the significant features of those discussions.

Chairman Andrew Bick called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. (MDT)

Board Members Present:

Andrew Bick, Chairman
Jason Blais
Mike Tracy
Kent Soelberg
Allen Jensen
Nick Guho
John Cotner
Stan Browning
Chuck Bleth-Teleconference

DBS Staff Members Present:

Chris L. Jensen, Administrator
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator
Spencer Holm, Deputy Attorney General
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1
Patrick J. Grace, Regional Manager, Region 2
Adam Bowcutt, Regional Supervisor, Region 3
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2

◆ **Open Forum**

Videoconference – Deputy Administrator Ron Whitney explained the features of the Division’s newly upgraded videoconference system.

Amend IRC Section 202, Abbreviations, and Chapter 6 to provide for Extended Plate Walls and Foam Plastic Insulating Sheathing – When questioned, at the August 2018 meeting, the Board felt the industry had the ability to go forward with the building method and wanted to wait and see what the International Code Council’s (ICC) verdict was on it. Therefore, the Board tabled this topic indefinitely.

Code Adoption and Cycle Impacts – The Chairman read an email and two attachments from Johanna Bell, Representative for the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC), regarding the adoption of IRC appendixes and the impacts of the current code adoption cycles on FEMA and NFIP compliance.

AIC will hold Energy Code Collaborative meetings for stakeholder education and review of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (commercial) at its office, 3100 South Vista Avenue, on October 31, 2018, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (mountain), and December 4, 2018, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM (mountain).

In reference to the “Conclusion” on page two of Ms. Bell’s document regarding Appendix Q (tiny homes); the Board reviewed Appendix Q for incorporation into the 2018 code; however, the code has yet to be adopted by the legislature. In the interim, the Board recommended the legislature adopt Appendix R for tiny homes; which is the same language as Appendix Q. For clarity, appendixes are optional should the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) want to adopt them. To avoid confusion, Board Member Allen Jensen recommended a disclaimer “These appendixes do not apply unless adopted by the AHJ” be included in the code book published by ICC.

Board Member Jensen stated, if adopted, the 2015 or 2018 IRC has provisions for the one-foot free-board above the base flood elevations. Therefore, anyone currently above the base flood elevation, would now be below the design flood elevation, and may pay higher insurance rates.

ICC Website – The Chairman questioned whether ICC’s website was down since several individuals were unable to access the Idaho Residential Code. The Deputy Administrator offered to check into this issue.

- ◆ **Approval of the October 16, 2018 Agenda and August 21, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: Mike Tracy made a motion to accept the agenda and minutes as presented. Kent Soelberg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- ◆ **Schedule 2019 Board Meetings**

At the August 2018 meeting, the Board approved February 19 as the first regularly scheduled meeting of 2019. The remaining 2019 Idaho Building Code Board meeting dates are as follows: April 16, June 18, and October 15.

MOTION: John Cotner made a motion to approve the remaining 2019 Board meeting dates. Mike Tracy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- ◆ **Program Manager Report**

In the absence of the Program Manager, the Deputy Administrator presented the report.

City of Meridian – Since the August meeting, DBS has concluded its building contract with the city of Meridian; shifting individuals involved in that program into other areas within the Division.

Mechanical Program – In January 1, 2019, the Division will implement a new statewide mechanical program to require, in its jurisdiction, Manual J and Manual D submittals.

- ◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report – With the recent changes, the Board’s finances are in good shape.

Interest Rates – The recent rise in interest rates will dramatically affect the cost to builders, specifically in commercial construction.

Eastern Idaho Construction – In Burley, McCain Foods is investing in a large expansion that will cost more than \$200 million dollars, and Basic American Foods will spend \$131 million dollars on its expansion in Rexburg.

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Mike Tracy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Guho seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m. (MDT)

ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

CHRIS L. JENSEN, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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